

REMARKS

I. Claim Status

Claims 5-8 are currently pending and stand rejected. Claims 1-4 and 9-15 are canceled without prejudice herein in view of the maintained restriction requirement. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent format and to include limitations from claim 1.

II. Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for lack of antecedent basis. Office Action at 3.

Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicants have canceled claim 1 without prejudice herein. Accordingly, this rejection is rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

III. Claim Objections

Claim 1 has been objected to because of the following informalities: "a) when X is C, the dotted line represents a double bond and R₂ is H; and b)" is repeatedly cited in claim 1. *Id.* As mentioned above, claim 1 has been canceled, rendering moot this objection.

Claim 5 has been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. The Examiner indicates that this objection can be overcome by canceling claim 1. *Id.* Without conceding the propriety of this objection, Applicants have canceled claim 1. Therefore, this objection should be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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